

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached "Replacement Sheet" of drawings includes changes to Figure 8.

The attached "Replacement Sheet," which includes Figure 8, replaces the original sheet including Figure 8.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Claims 11, 12 and 14-20 remain pending in the present application. Claims 11 and 18 have been amended. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, drawings and claims as originally filed.

OBJECTION TO THE DRAWINGS

The Examiner has objected to Figure 8 as not being identified as prior art. Accordingly, Applicants attach one Replacement Sheet of drawings with Figure 8 identified as --Prior Art--.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

The Examiner has rejected Claims 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph alleging them to be indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants have amended Claim 18 in an attempt overcome the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection. In light of the amendments, Applicants believe Claims 18 and 19 to overcome the Examiner's §112 rejection and respectfully request withdrawal of the same.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

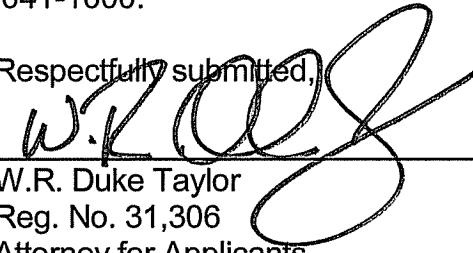
The Examiner has rejected Claims 11-15 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) alleging them to unpatentable over Kawamoto et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,382,854) in view of Torii et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,406,186. The Examiner alleges that this combination would render Applicants' claims obvious to those skilled in the art.

Independent Claim 11 has been amended. Independent Claim 11 further defines a braking apparatus is directly associated with the rotation member to terminate rotation of the rotation member.

The art relied on by the Examiner, specifically Kawamoto et al. and Torii et al., fails to illustrate Applicants' Claim 11. Neither claim illustrates a braking apparatus as claimed. Torii et al. illustrates a conventional caliper brake. Neither Kawamoto et al. nor Torii et al. illustrate a braking apparatus directly associated with the rotation member. In fact, the rotor 27 of Kawamoto et al. is free to rotate and is not remotely associated with any type of braking mechanism. Accordingly, Applicants believe Claim 11, as well as dependent Claims 12 and 14-20, to be patentably distinct over the art cited by the Examiner.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to pass the case to issue at his earliest possible convenience. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present application, he should not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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